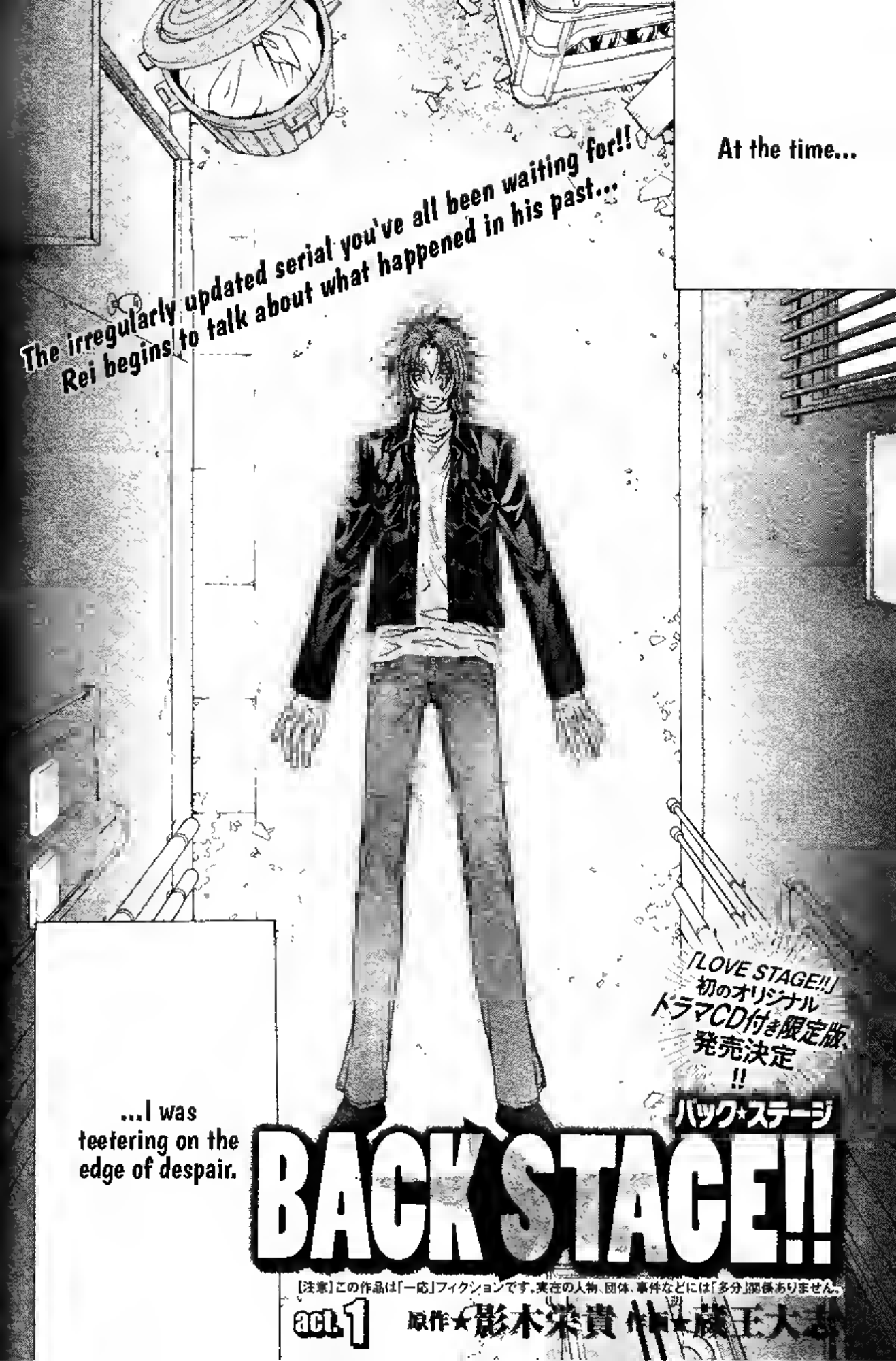
At the time...
The irregularly updated serial you've all been waiting for!!
Rei begins to talk about what happened in his past...
...I was teetering on the edge of despair.
「LOVE STAGE!!」初のオリジナルドラマCD付き限定版、発売決定!!
バック★ステージ
BACK STAGE!!
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My mom had died.
It had been an accident.
But by the time I arrived, she was no longer breathing.
She was a terrible mother.
But she was my only blood relative.
I'd suddenly become utterly alone in the world.
GETTING RILED UP BECAUSE OF THAT AND PICKING FIGHTS ALL THE TIME...
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
OW
IF I FALL ASLEEP HERE LIKE THIS... I MIGHT FREEZE TO DEATH.
I GUESS THERE'S THAT...
It's not like there's anything...
Slip
...left for me to live for...

Huh?
HEY,
WAKE
SFX: BAM!
stare...
ARE YOU ALIVE?
ACK!
!?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE DIED.
THAT'S A RELIEF!
SFX: SCOOT BACK
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?!
UWAH!!
OH! YOU ARE ALIVE!
Huh? I think I might have seen this guy somewhere before...
OH!
I mean, I think he's foreign?
What the heck is up with this foreigner?!
SO WHAT? WHO CARES WHAT HAP-PENS?!
BUT IF IT WERE TO GET INFECTED....
THIS IS NOTHING. LEAVE ME ALONE!
extend
YOU'RE HURT!
LET'S GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL.

SO LEAVE ME ALONE!!
roll
AH!
I'VE GOT NO MONEY AND NO FAMILY ANYWAY!
I JUST WANT TO LAY DOWN AND DIE HERE!
HMM...
.....
ALL RIGHT...
!!
I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU SOME MONEY HERE, SO MAKE SURE YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL, OKAY?
rustle rustle
He doesn't get it at all!!
OH! AND ALSO...
CLANG

Bye-bye!
THERE'S A TICKET IN THE POCKET, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME AND WATCH.
Huh?
MOVE
Settle
THIS COAT LOOKS CRAZY EXPENSIVE!
WAI...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH...?
HUH?
WHAT?! HE LEFT HIS ENTIRE WALLET?!
SFX: BAM!

silence...
He's gone!
ACK!
LEAVING BEHIND SOMETHING THIS VALUABLE...?!
WAIT... IS HE INSANE?!
IF I'M GONNA DIE ANYWAY, I MIGHT AS WELL GO OUT WITH A BANG!!
FINE!
Hmph.
WHO WAS THAT GUY? FREAKING SANTA CLAUS?
1, 2, 3... THIS IS A HUGE WAD OF CASH!
HIS CREDIT CARDS ARE IN HERE, TOO...!
You've gotta be joking
.....

And there's nothing in particular I want.
Whoooo
I'm not hungry for anything...
And yet...
Merry Christmas
MAMA!
MONEY DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON GIVING UP THE GHOST ANYWAY.
BESIDES, WHAT'S THE POINT IN BUYING SOMETHING BEFORE YOU DIE?
Besides...
What I really want is...

I really should have just let myself fall asleep in that alley...
crinkle
'S COLD...
A TICKET?
MUSICAL BENETNASCH
Starring: Sena Seiya
Capra Theater
20XX. 12. 24
Floor X
Row X
Seat X
Curtain
6:00 PM
Lobby open
5:30 PM
Capra Theater
OH YEAH, COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DID SAY TO COME AND SEE.
FOR THE 6 PM PERFORMANCE ON DECEMBER 24TH...
MUSICAL "BENETNASCH"...
AT THE CAPRA THEATER. THAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
HUH...?
OH!!
"STARRING SENA SEIYA..."
I KNEW I RECOGNIZED HIM FROM SOMEWHERE!

SFX: DASH
I'VE ONLY GOT 10 MINUTES!!
THAT GUY REALLY MUST BE CRAZY!!
WAIT, TODAY?!
WHAT TIME IS IT?!
BAM
12
3
6
9
Huh?!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT AM I DOING HERE ANYWAY?!
THE TIME WAS SO TIGHT, I JUST CAME WITHOUT THINKING!
PHEW! MADE IT.
Plump
MUR'MUR
MUR'MUR

light
BZZZ...
SHOULD I LEAVE?
OOPS, IT'S STARTING.
NO HELPING IT...
GUESS I'LL JUST SLEEP 'TIL IT'S OVER.
But what appeared before me was...

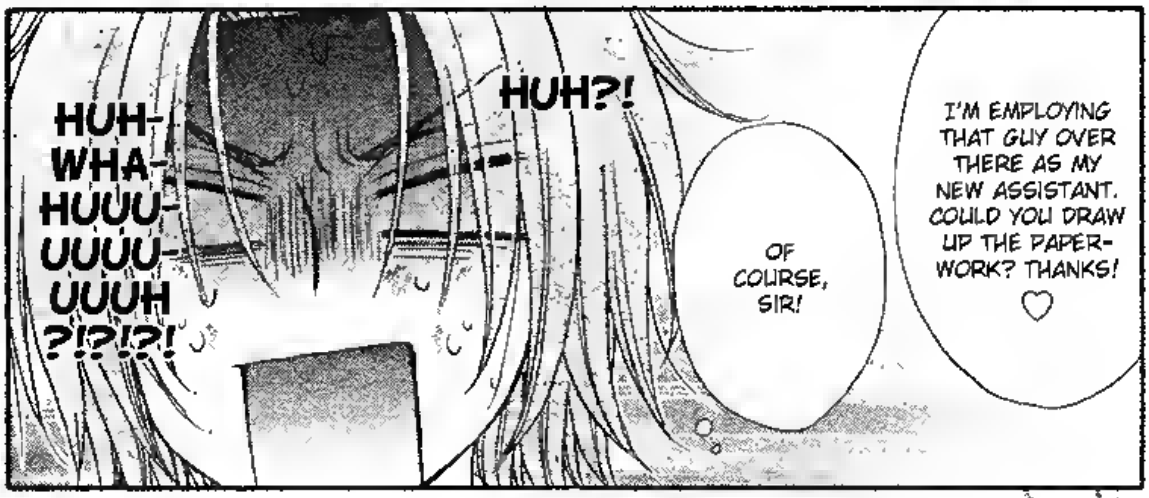
his voice
sound

Why am I crying?
What is this?
Wh-what's going on...?
His song...
...is filling up my heart...

murmur
murmur
This concludes today's performance.
Please be sure to check for any missing belongings before leaving the theater.
CHEERS
It was the first time I'd ever felt the stirrings of motivation.
CHEERS
silence...
CLAP
CLAP CLAP
BRAVO!
BRAVO!
CLAP
CLAP
EXCUSE ME, SIR?
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE CLOSING THE VENUE NOW.
Ah!

U-UM...
I-I'LL CHECK WITH SENA-SAN...
Please wait here
I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I MUST RETURN TO HIM!!
UMM--PLEASE ALLOW ME TO MEET SENA SEIYA-SAN!!
ガラ
SFX: CLATTER
瀬名聖哉様
OH!
HUH? DID YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL...?
SO YOU CAME TO SEE THE SHOW AFTER ALL!

BUT I GAVE THAT TO YOU.
?
SHOW
THANK YOU... FOR THIS.
COM-PENSA-TION?
BUT I CAN'T JUST ACCEPT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITH-OUT ANY COM-PENSATION...
AND YOU CAN'T GO TO THE HOSPITAL IF YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY...
BUT YOU SAID YOU HAD NO MONEY, RIGHT?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS MUCH. I'D LIKE TO RETURN IT.
SFX: BAM
HUH?!
YOU CAN BE MY ATTENDANT IN RETURN FOR THE MONEY I GAVE YOU!
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?


HUH-WHA-HUUU-UUUU-UUUH ?!?!?!
HUH?!
OF COURSE, SIR!
I'M EMPLOYING THAT GUY OVER THERE AS MY NEW ASSISTANT. COULD YOU DRAW UP THE PAPER-WORK? THANKS!

HOW THE HECK DID THIS HAPPEN?!

The paper-work was han-dled with sur-prising speed.

PLEASE, COME IN!
UMM...
THIS IS YOUR HOME FROM NOW ON, OKAY?
YOU MADE IT!
WELCOME, REI-KUN!
click click click
OPEN
How...did I get here?
THIS PLACE IS HUGE...
SFX: BAM!
KNOCK
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D BRING HOME A STRAY HUMAN!

She's beautiful!... But she looks scary...
It's the famous actress, Sena Nagisa!!
REI-KUN, THIS IS MY WIFE, NAGISA.
NOW NOW, NAGISA...
UH, YES, I SEE...
I-I'M SAGARA REI.
PLEASED TO MEET...
SFX: ZOOM!
すーっ
HUH?
grin
STARE
UMM-
AH-
STARE
STARE

HOW LIKE YOU, DEAR! THIS GUY COULD EVEN MAKE IT AS A CELEBRITY, IF YOU ASK ME!
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! WHAT DO YOU THINK, REI-KUN?
UH...NO, NO THANK YOU, I...
RIGHT? I JUST KNEW YOU'D BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, TOO.
Eek!
All right! He's a hottie!
This is great! Just great! Fan service every day!
HUH?
A child?!
OH, IZUMI!
UNFOR-TUNATE INDEED.
AWW! THAT'S TOO BAD!
ARE FAMOUS PEOPLE ALL LIKE THIS?!
thump

fidget fidget
Slowly
CREAK
COME OVER HERE.
THIS IS SAGARA REI-KUN. HE'LL BE LIVING HERE WITH US STARTING TODAY.
REI-KUN, THIS IS MY SON, IZUMI.
S-so...
IZUMI IS 8 YEARS OLD.
HE'S A THIRD GRADER NOW.
SO CUTE!
Wait--son? Not daughter?

extend
NICE TO MEET YOU, IZUMI-SAN.
twitch
!!!
OH, YES, OF COURSE!
OUR ELDEST IS STUDYING ABROAD AT THE MOMENT, SO IZUMI IS VERY LONELY. PLEASE GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.
SWIVEL
SWIVEL
blush...
squeeze

REI-KUN?
I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM NOW.
OH, THANK YOU.
He seems like a really shy kid...
dash
Whirl
AH!
YOUR ROOM IS ON THE 3RD FLOOR.
THE SECOND FLOOR HAS MINE AND NAGISA'S ROOM, AS WELL AS OUR CHILDREN'S ROOMS.
step
step
step
YOU'RE WELCOME TO GO WHEREVER YOU PLEASE.
OKAY...
.....
HMM?
UMM... SEIYA-SAN?

I'M NOT WORRIED. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON ALREADY.
BUT--HOW?!
I MEAN, I'M NOT THAT GREAT OF A GUY IN THE FIRST PLACE!
HOW CAN YOU TRUST ME SO COMPLETELY?!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF I WAS A TERRIBLE PERSON?!
BECAUSE,
I COULD SEE YOU CRYING FROM THE STAGE. YOUR TEARS WERE BEAUTIFUL.
ONLY SOMEONE WITH A PURE HEART COULD CRY SUCH BEAUTIFUL TEARS.

THAT'S WHEN I KNEW MY GUT FEELING ABOUT YOU WAS RIGHT.
!
YOU REALLY DID COME TO SEE THE SHOW LIKE I ASKED.
I CAN ACTUALLY SEE A LOT OF THE AUDIENCE FROM THE STAGE, YOU KNOW.
B-BUT EVEN SO...
HUH? Y-YOU COULD SEE?!
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY.
IF NOTHING ELSE, I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO JUDGE PEOPLE.
Right then...

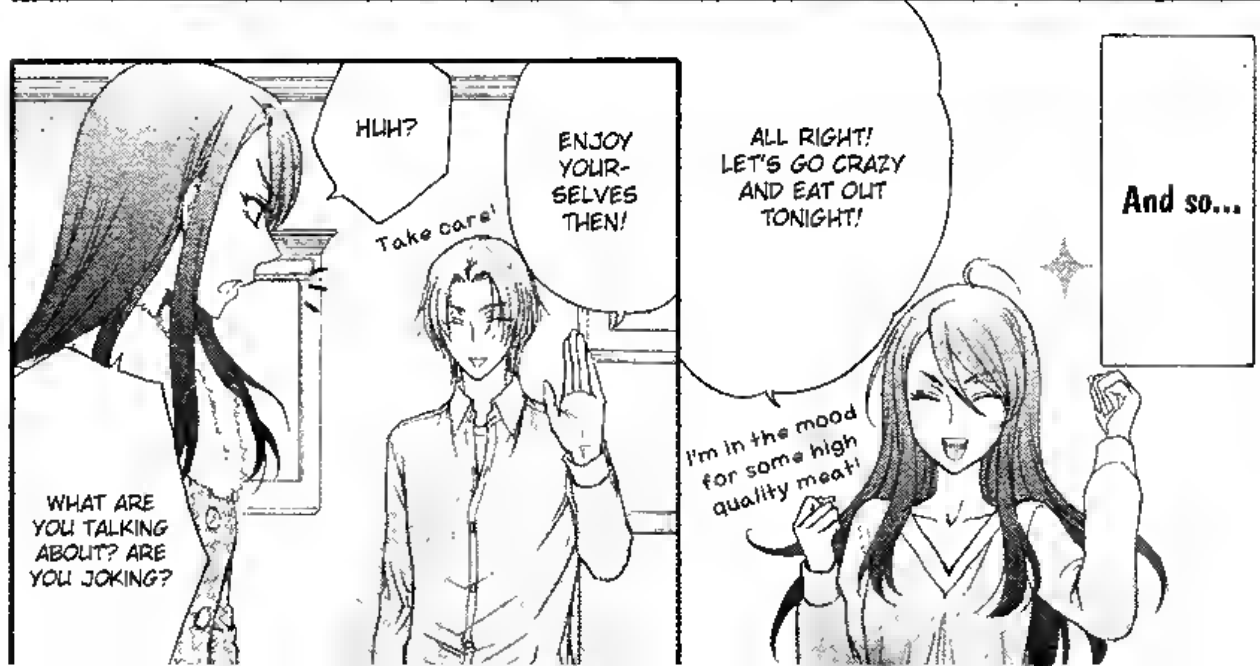
WELL, WE'RE OFF!
And so, my life in the Sena residence began.
WE'LL PROBABLY BE OUT PRETTY LATE TONIGHT.
TAKE CARE OF IZUMI!
HAVE A LOVELY EVENING!
I WILL!
However, there wasn't much an assistant-in-training could do right off the bat.

...to live my life for this man.

They had a housekeeper that came in to do the chores...
And there were actual company employees at SenaPro...
All I could really do was answer the phone and sometimes observe the work done at the office.
That and go to traffic school to get my driver's license.
That meant that most of my duties involved...
Babysitting.
silence...
SCRITCH SCRITCH
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
BUT DESPITE BEING AROUND HIM SO MUCH, HE STILL HASN'T WARMED UP TO ME YET...
glance
SFX: BAM!
Plus, I've got NO idea what he's trying to draw!!
ALL HE DOES IS DRAW BY HIMSELF ALL THE TIME.
SCRITCH SCRITCH

W-WOW... THAT'S REALLY GOOD!
JOLT
!
Raising a Child Point #1 - Praise the child.
BUT FOR NOW, I SHOULD PLAY THE ADULT...
AND SHOULD DO EXACTLY WHAT THAT CHILD-REARING BOOK I READ YESTERDAY SAID!
.....
SFX: BRIGHTEN
ESPECIALLY THE COLORS! THEY'RE NICE!
Professional smile.
!!
plop
DASH

He's so warm...!
THIS ONE'S MY ONIICHAN!
I'll show you some others, too!
AND THIS ONE'S DADDY!
THIS ONE'S A CRANE LIFT.
WAIT, THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SEIYA-SAN?!


And so...
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO CRAZY AND EAT OUT TONIGHT!
I'm in the mood for some high quality meat!
ENJOY YOUR-SELVES THEN!
Take care!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ARE YOU JOKING?

YOU'RE COMING ALONG WITH US, OF COURSE!
HURRY UP, REI!
WE'LL WAIT, SO GO GRAB YOUR COAT.
YOU'RE ONE OF US NOW!
The carefree days living with the Sena family continued...
University
Correspondence University Admissions Requirements
!
HERE.
IT'S A PAMPHLET FOR A CORRESPONDENCE UNIVERSITY.
YOU'RE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YOUR STUDIES.
I'VE ALREADY STARTED YOUR ENROLLMENT PROCESS.
THIS WAY YOU COULD STILL WORK WHILE EARNING YOUR DEGREE.
BUT THE TUITION...
Well naturally,
I'll have you pay me back with your body!

So warm...
TH-THANK YOU...VERY MUCH...
My jaded heart was filled with such warmth and happiness.
This family...
and Seiya-san...
They keep giving me things that I've always wanted...
Every day was so wonderful, it felt like a dream.

I wanted those days...

...to continue forever...

continue

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